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FOR STRIEGLER, FISH & WILDLIFE SERVICE, DEPT. OF INTERIOR.

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TAGS: SENV, TBIO, AS

SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR AUSTRALIAN WILDLIFE LAWS.

REF: STATE 087547 NOTAL.

- 1. SCIENCE LIAISON OFFICER HAS AGAIN CONTACTED BODEN,
 ASSISTANT SECRETARY, DEPT. OF ENVIRONMENT TO
 FOLLOW UPON EMBASSY'S REQUEST (PER REFTEL) FOR COPIES
 OF AUSTRALIAN LAWS GOVERNING THE TAKING AND EXPORTATION
 OF WILDLIFE, PARTICULARLY REPTILES. BODEN SAYS HE STAFF
 STILL BUSY ON FORMIDABLE TASK OF COLLECTING ALL GOA
 (FEDERAL) LIGISLATION AND LAWS FROM SIX STATE GOVERNMENTS, WHICH HAVE CONSTITUTIONAL AUTHORITY FOR
 REGULATING TAKING OF ANIMALS WITHIN STATES. BODEN
 OPTIMISTIC THAT MATERIAL WILL BE SENT TO EMBASSY IN
 APPROXIMATELY ONE WEEK (I.E. AROUND JUNE 1).
- 2. ONCE DOCUMENTS RECEIVED, EMBASSY WILL PROCEED TO OBTAIN CERTIFICATION OF COPIES (PER REFTEL) BY APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS. ALTHOUGH AT LEAST TWO DEPARMENTS (ENVIRONMENT AND CUSTOMS) WILL BE INVOLVED IN CANBERRA, THIS SHOULD POSE NO INSURMOUNTABLE PROBLEMS REGARDING UNCLASSIFIED

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GOA LEGISLATION ON EXPORT OF WILDLIFE FROM AUSTRALIA.

- 3. CERTIFICATION OF COPIES OF LAWS OF SIX STATES ON TAKING WILDLIFE WOULD BE MUCH MORE DIFFICULT SINCE CERTIFYING OFFICIALS ARE IN SIX STATE CAPITALS, TWO OF WHICH (ADELAIDE AND HOBART) ARE WITHOUG USG CONSULAR POSTS. IN LIGHT OF THIS PROBLEM AND FACT GOA OFFICIALS MUST DETERMIN THAT WILD LIFE WAS LEGALLY TAKEN IN ACCORDANCE WITH RELEVANT LOCAL LAWS BEFORE GOA MAY AUTHORIZE ITS EXPORT, IT SEEMS TO US UNNECESSARY TO OBTAIN CERTIFICATION OF COPIES OF STATE LAWS BY STATE OFFICIALS.
- 4. ACTION REQUESTED: PLEASE ADVISE WHETHER EMBASSY AND POSTS MUST OBTAIN CERTIFICATION OF COPIES OF RELEVANT WILDLIFE LEGISLATION OF SIX AUSTRALIAN STATES. GREEN

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